Penalities Imposed on Red Line Operators

1290. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Red Line buses are causing a number of accidents in Delhi;

(b) whether bus operators have complained against the penalties imposed on them for the fault of drivers and conductors; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to meet this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Instances have come to the notice of Government.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have issued instructions to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to take stringent action against drivers driving rashly and negligently and violating the traffic rules. State Transport Authority of National Capital Territory of Delhi has been directed to cancel/suspend the licences of erring drivers.

The State Transport Authority have started refresher courses for the drivers of red line buses. Red Line bus drivers are made to undergo a proficiency test at Government Motor Driving Training School of the Transport Department.

The steps taken by Delhi Traffic Police to make driving safe in Delhi are special drives/ random checking against traffic violations, introduction of traffic signals/blinkers in accident prone areas and strict punitive action against violators of traffic rules/regulations.

Mobile squads for checking smoke emitting vehicles in Delhi

1291. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made rules to ban/challan of smoke emitting vehicles in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of smoke emitting vehicles are moving in Delhi frequently; if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of mobile smoke checking squads working at present in Delhi to ban/ challan of smoke emitting vehicles;

(e) whether Government propose to increase more smoke checking squads in the capital to control pollution; and

(f) the number of challans made during the last six months and the amount earned by the Govenment as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 23277 challans were made during the period April, 1990 to June, 1993.

(c) The Transport Department of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have intensified their pollution checking drive through the various static units and mobile centres. Between March, 90 and June, 93, approximately 9.52 lakh vehicles have been challaned and warning slips to about 3.48 lakh vehicles which were not conforming to the pollution standards have been issued. In spite of these best efforts, the chances of plying of smoke emitting vehicles cannot be ruled out particularly in view of the fact that the number of motor vehicles in Delhi is quite large.

(d) Twelve.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) During the last six months 4,762 challans have been made and a sum of approximately Rs. 17.2 lakhs have been recovered from the defaulters.

Fund allocated from Central Road Fund

1292. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount from the Central Road Funds provided to the State of Punjab during 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) what were the details of the amount allocated in 1992-93 and how much has been utilised;

(c) what is the total number of roads developed in Punjab during 1992-93;

(d) how many roads are proposed to be undertaken for development during 1993-94; and